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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

EPSTEIN *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/650,339

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Their Use in Cell Culture Medium
Compositions**

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Supplemental Reply

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In further reply to the Office Action dated **March 1, 2002** (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 14), and in reply to the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action dated **September 26, 2002**, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 19), Applicants submit the following Supplemental Reply.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.